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From Annie Bordenkircher's garden

My Horse is Dreaming

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Your horse is asleep on his side with his legs moving and ears twitching. His lips are quivering. You say to yourself, "That horse is dreaming! Was he running his last race in his sleep?" You hope he was dreaming of winning the Hambletonian or the Little Brown Jug. Have you spoken to him about the stakes schedule?

Your mare is "mumbling" in her sleep. Is she dreaming about the joys of parenting and showing her little filly how to pace across the field? No, I don't think she knows you just made the Juggette payment.



King David wanted to build a temple for the Lord. However, God said that was not his job. God promised David his heir would build the temple.

Solomon was 20 years old when his father, King David, died, leaving Solomon as King. Near the beginning of his reign, Solomon had a dream. God told him to ask for whatever he wanted.

Solomon acknowledged God's faithfulness and kindness to his father over the years. Then he explained to God that he was young and did not know how to carry out his duties as king and govern the vast numbers of God's chosen people. He asked God for,

"a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong" (1 Kings 3:6-9 NIV).

As the First Book of Kings tells the story, God "was happy that Solomon asked for wisdom. [...] 'You did not ask for long life and riches for yourself. [...] You asked for the wisdom to listen and make the right decisions. So I will give you what you asked for. I will make you wiser than anyone who ever lived or ever will live. And I will give you what you did not ask for. You will have riches and honor all your life. There will be no other king in the world as great as you. And I will give you a long life if you follow me and obey my laws and commands as your father David did.' Solomon woke up and knew that God had spoken to him in the dream" (1 Kings 3:10-15 ERV).

Solomon's dream came true.

Over time everyone in Israel was, "in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice" (1 Kings 3:28 NIV). God gave Solomon wisdom on a wide variety of topics and people came from everywhere to listen to him (1 Kings 4:28-29).



"The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon, so she came to test him with hard questions. [...] She met Solomon and asked him all the questions that she could think of. Solomon answered all the questions.

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[...] She also saw the beautiful palace he had built. She saw the food at the king's table. [...] She saw the servants in the palace and the good clothes they wore. She saw his parties and the sacrifices that he offered in the Lord's Temple. She was so amazed, she could hardly breathe!" (1 Kings 10 1-5 ERV).

After Solomon finished building the temple and consecrated it to the Lord, God appeared to him a second time. God told him he heard his prayer, consecrated the temple and promised that God's eyes and heart would always be there. God also told Solomon if he walked faithfully with God like his father, David had and obeyed all God's commands; he would always have a successor from his own family on the throne (1 Kings 9:4-5).

However, God continued, if Solomon or his descendants turned away from God and did not obey God's commands and started worshipping other gods, the temple would be destroyed and the people would be cut off from Israel, the land God gave them (1 Kings 9:6-8). Solomon went against the Lord God. When he died, his son, Rehoboam, succeeded him as king. He was a harsh ruler who also went against God, as did those who came after him. Eventually Israel was divided, the temple destroyed and the Israelites were deported to Babylon for a time.

We all have dreams. The question is how well do they coincide with God's plan for our lives. God created us and gave us our talents and personalities. If your mare that's dreaming about her filly winning the Juliette is a Thoroughbred, she doesn't have much of a chance. If your colt that is racing in his dreams is by Kadabra, he may have a shot in the Hambletonian.

God blessed King David as a warrior. David had a lot of blood on his hands from his many battles. Building a house for God was the job of a peacemaker. God created Solomon to fulfill that position (1 Chronicles 22:8-9). King David had a great relationship with God and listened when God spoke.

When we put God first, seeking God's will for all our undertakings, and asking God to help us understand how to best use our gifts and talents, God blesses us beyond anything we can imagine. God's dreams become our dreams and our dreams come true.



Blessings from God

From Chaplain Ken Carter...

Karen met with doctor yesterday. In 2 treatments her blood has gone from 236 on May 27 to 46 yesterday. Normal is 0 to 35. Praise the Lord. Thanks for your prayers.

From Art Plant...

I finally had my Bronchoscopy procedure. There were no ulcers, no mass but there was a quite a bit of infection in my bronchial tube. I take 4 script dissolving discs to get rid of the infection. It seems good to not being constantly nauseous. Fortunately, my lungs were not the issue. I've been able to reduce the pain pills. I feel God's healing hand at work. I am still tired, but am thankful for the results of my testing. Thank you God, Jesus, Holy Spirit.

From Dot Morgan...

1. I'd like to share that my brother, Morris Hoagland, against all odds for the severity of the stage 4 throat cancer, received his 5-yr Cancer Free report yesterday! This is truly the miraculous Hand of God! His odds were extremely poor to even be alive 2 yrs following the treatment. Today, MD Anderson Cancer Hospital considers Morris cured. When he entered treatment five yrs ago they told him there would be no cure, just remission at best. Praise God! And a huge thank you to all those that prayed for Morris and for me, too!

2. I am doing quite well. I finished my last Herceptin treatment in June, closing out the cancer adventure; now it's on to the next chapter to see what great things God has in store.

3. Charley and I moved to Kentucky in February and are thoroughly enjoying being in the Promised Land. New Vocations has been able to carry on with its mission in spite of Covid-19. We actually adopted out more retired racehorses in April and May than any other 2-month period in our history. Fortunately, for the horses, people returned to the joys of spending time with their family and pets.



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CHHA Hat



Rambling Willie Remembers

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Real "Coco" Cormier, 84, died June 5. A longtime driver/trainer, CoCo and his wife, Tracy, owned the Pinehurst track restaurant for the past 24 years. He came to the USA from Quebec when he was in his early twenties and began his career as a trainer and driver. He raced in the New York/New Jersey area.



Roy Wayne Estes, 80, of New Holland, PA, died June 8. Roy loved to train and race Standardbreds. His racing took him many places around the country and eventually to Pennsylvania. Prior to his racing career, he was an industrial arts teacher in Ohio.



Fred T. Freppel, 74, of Napoleon, OH and Aiken, SC, died March 21. His greatest joy and pastime was harness racing. Fred was an officer for Northwest Ohio Colt Racing Association and served as the Speed Superintendent for the Henry County Fair. Fred worked for Arthur Young before starting his own Accounting practice.



Angelo Mario LaBella, 95, formerly of Syracuse, NY, died June 6. Angelo trained and drove harness horses for 50 years, not officially retiring until he was 90 years old. He was a World War II veteran, proudly serving from 1943-45 in Battery 252nd Field Artillery Battalion in Normandy, Northern France, Belgium and Central Europe.



Bob Lippiatt, 73, of Beloit, OH and Pompano Beach, FL died June 18. He followed his father, Ike, into the harness horse business over 50 years ago. He remained continuously active with Standardbreds as a trainer and driver until two weeks before his death, except for a stint in the Army during the Vietnam war. Bob raced horses at Northfield Park and many Ohio county fairs during the summer; and worked on the track crew at Pompano Park during the winters.



Ed McNeight died May 24. Ed loved his home in Florida and his pontoon boat. He was proud of his family and supported his children in all their endeavors. Ed's son, Ed Jr, is a longtime Meadows Owner, Trainer, Driver and Breeder.



Maryann Merriman, 82, died May 26. Maryann was the Northville Downs receptionist for 40 years. She was also a receptionist at South West Medical Arts. She always had a smile on her face, and was one of the most kind, caring and sincere people you could ever meet.



Robert Molaro, 69, of IL, died June 15. Bob was instrumental lobbying on behalf of horse racing in Illinois. Hawthorne President and CEO Tim Carey said, "Bob sought to build consensus, to lead with the best possible ideas and to provide relief with humor and humility. Always the optimist and always the storyteller, Bob shared a clear and exciting vision for the future of Illinois horseracing with anyone who would listen."

Patrick Allen Pierson, 69, died June 20. Patrick grew up on a farm and was an animal lover which led him to his career as a harness racing trainer/driver. He was an accomplished trainer and traveled the country. He was also a taxi cab driver which he loved, especially meeting people.



Harry Rutherford, 85, died June 11. Harry operated Cool Creek Farm in Mount Pleasant, Ontario with partner Diane 'Joey' Ingham for decades. He was a longtime harness racing industry participant and one of Canada's most successful Standardbred breeders. He served on numerous industry boards over the years.



Robert Harold Sampson, 74, of Crosswell, MI, died June 23. Bob has been licensed with the USTA since 1966. He was a trainer and driver who spent his life with the horses. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.



Nate Smucker died May 30 leaving his pregnant wife, Becca, and three children Alex (4) Mia (3) & Maddy's (1). Please keep them in your prayers. Nate is Greg Gehman's son-in-law. Greg is our CHHA Vice-President, a prayer partner and a huge supporter of CHHA. Your prayers will mean a lot to him and his family.



Kenneth (Kenny) Young, 68, of Riverton, IL, died June 4. Kenny trained and raced Standardbreds at county fairs, Illinois State Fair, racetracks in Chicago, as well as the Red Mile in Lexington, KY. Following his career in harness racing, he opened Movie Time Video. He enjoyed camping, watching Cardinals baseball games, attending his grandsons' events and following harness racing.



Faith Jeanne Wenz Yurenka of Burlington Flats, NY, died May 29. Faith was a Registered Nurse and was known for her willingness to help anyone in any situation. She was her husband's right hand and assisted him in all his businesses and adventures. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Faith's daughter, Ann, trained Standardbreds for many years.

Obituaries

Luca Balenzano, 82, of Pompano Beach, FL, died June 30. Luca was born into a family of horsemen and owned many Standardbreds throughout the years. He settled on Long Island to be near Roosevelt Raceway, where he could spend the day watching his horses jog, train and race. Later he moved to South Florida, where he got involved again racing at Pompano Park.

Delbert A. Biccum, 93, of Port Jervis, NY, died May 28. Delbert served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Del and his wife, Alma, had a plumbing business. He became well known for his success as the harness racing driving and training owner of D&A Stables in Montague, NJ.

George W. Cochrane, 81, of Sparrowbush, NY, died June 23. George proudly served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a trainer for Mark Ford Stables in Middletown, NY.



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Sources for Obituary information include:

www.harnessracing.com, www.ustrotting.com and
www.standardbredcanada.ca

Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the people on our Prayer List who are battling cancer, especially:

Lynn Antonelli, Lew Arsenault, Dan Ater, Emily Bier, Debbie Boardman, Amy Bondon, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Lore Burke, Rick Carson, Barbara Carter, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Candice Coleman, Barbara Connors, Sharon Cromer, Joe Crothers, Mike Deeters, Ashley Dennon-Cohen, Barbara Dinning, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Francine Federici, Tiffany Fisher, Dorothy Geer, Rodney Grady, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Remi Gunn, Marilyn Hankins, Rose Hennessey, Morris Hoagland, Glenda Holloway, Layla Hundertpfund, Jeff Hurst, Donna Ingram, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Jennifer Jugg, AJ Keaton, Harold Kelly, Bob Kinsey, Jim Kolnick, Donnie Knight, David Kovach, Larry Lederman, Rox Liles, Anabelle Lisi, Tommy Long, Kevin Mack, Ricky Macomber, Nelson Malin, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Mrs Miller, Frank Mirahmadi, Lalya Mosley, Corey Murphy, Howard Niels, Pierre Noel, Jay O'Neil, John Panetta, Dee Parsons, Margie Polhamus, Valerie Prescott, Leigh Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Emily Roper, Daren Richner, Julie Schwartz, Del Smart, Larry Smith, Doug Stringer, Jimmy Takter, Bobbi Tanner, Jack Taylor, Betty Ann Thomas, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward, Sr, Roland Wardel, Kate Williams, Steve Wiseman, Marty Woebkenberg, Allan Wright, Maddy Wright, Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Jason Apperti, Jordan Aracena, Ken Bartels, Pleasant Batson, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Stephanie Bouchard, Danny Breton, Charlie Brigham, Betsy Brown, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Bob Cain, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Mary Clements, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Bev Crane, Chet Crane, Karen Crothers, Vivian Farrington, Jim Ferguson, Scott Freck,

Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Jimmy Hart, Joyce Hart, Bob Hilliard, Vickie Howard, Bob Jones, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Trudy Hite, Jerry Hissam, John Hostler, Jason Hughes, Jesse Hughes, Donna Ingram, Don James, Kenny Kane, Dave Kelly, Barbara Kinsey, Michael Klark, Victor Kiss, Larry Lawter, Ray Levay, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Terry Mahar, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr, Cheryl Mauran, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Nancy Miner, Mike Murphy, Doug Nash, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons, Susan Parks, Doc Parry, Louise Pelletier, Donna Phillips, Rita Polese, Noreen Paulen, Art Plant, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Ray Romanetti, Tori Scott, Jody Sexton, Delma Smart, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Lee Anne Taylor, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Phillip Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Barry Vicroy, Max Walton, Steve Warner, Greggie Welch, Jr, Alice Williams, Anne Winters.

Please try to keep me updated about the people on our prayer list.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially:

John Beauregard, Joshua Hankins, Yann Lamiqu, Chris Petrullo, Sgt David Thomas, and Elizabeth Welch.

Special Intentions for this month:

Please pray for an end to Covid-19 and for all affected.

Cindy Chapman fell and broke her hip.

Please continue to pray for Dr Howard Gill.

Carol Parker is recovering from brain surgery. They found two more tumors on her lungs.

Art Plant has an infection on his lungs.

Terry Raymer has shoulder problems.

Phillip Truitt has asthma and COPD.

John Wing is battling cancer.



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Jug Program Auction

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In Praise and Thanks to God for Kindness of Neighbors

By Evelyn Johnson

Last fall I relocated to a small campground outside a small town. The couple next door welcomed me. We were good neighbors and watched over each other's camps while they were away. We visited from time to time and shared our Christian walks and all the good things God has done for us. They are very good people.

Not too long ago, they called me aside and said they wanted to talk to me. They told me they were moving because they had come into some money. I was happy for them and congratulated them. They told me they didn't need the camper anymore. I was wondering how much they wanted for it.

Then the couple told me they had been praying over who to give the camper to. God put it on their hearts for me to have it. I very rarely cry, but tears are welling up

in my eyes as I write this—tears of gratitude for God's goodness and the kindness of these people.

As I rearrange things in here, there is one thing that will NEVER change. In their circumstance of barely getting by, the woman took a label sticker, wrote "Jesus" on it and glued it to the wall just below the ceiling. Their faith in the Name Above All Names will always be an inspiration to me.



Note: Evelyn recently earned her license to appraise horses, livestock and farm equipment. You can reach her at lisentohorses01@gmail.com. Congratulations Evelyn!



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